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BOIL WATER ORDER FOR POTRERO COUNTY PARK *Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply*

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for Potrero County Park located at 25800 Potrero Park Drive in Potrero, effective immediately. Water samples were collected on October 4 and reported by the laboratory Thursday, October 5, 2006, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system.

E. coli bacteria was **absent** in all samples. Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to the park to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

The County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation immediately took steps to prevent the public from coming in contact with the contaminated water by shutting off the water or placing bags over all public drinking fountains.

For more information on the Boil Water Order, please call Mark McPherson at the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health at (858) 495-5572.

For information on Potrero County Park operations, please call Randy Ford at the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation at (858) 694-3963.

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